

**RETURN TO PLAY PROTOCOL
SPLASH POOLS
SPRAYGROUNDS
WADING POOLS**



PURPOSE

This Return to Service Protocol was formed from various recommendations, from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Iowa Department of Public Health, National Recreation and Parks Association and other public health organizations, as mitigation efforts to help ensure the safety of our swimmers, spectators, and staff.

Splash Pools (Ages 10 & Under) Open June 5-August 11 & Memorial Day weekend 5/29-31 Hours Subject to Change Due to Weather		Spraygrounds May 1-Sept 30 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. Daily
Ashby Park	10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday thru Friday 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Sat, Sun, Holidays	Columbus Park
Martin Luther King Jr. Park	10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday thru Friday 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Sat, Sun, Holidays	Drake Park
Pete Crivaro Park	10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday thru Friday 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Sat, Sun, Holidays	Evelyn K. Davis Park
Union Park	10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday thru Friday 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Sat, Sun, Holidays	Fairmont Park
		Good Park
Wading Pools (Ages 10 & Under) Open June 5-August 11 Hours Subject to Change Due to Weather		Grandview Park
		Greenwood Park
Ashfield Park	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday	McHenry Park
Burke Park	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday	Sargent Park
Jordan Park	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 12 p.m.-6 p.m. Wed	Sheridan Park
Sayers Park	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday	Tower Park
Stone Park	10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday	Woodlawn Park

NOTICE

If permittee or attendees are not in compliance with these Protocols, the Facility Use Permit is subject to immediate cancellation. In addition, attendees found in violation of the Protocols will be requested to leave the premises if violations continue after one verbal warning of violation. No refunds will be provided for any dates canceled or early termination of this Permit for violations.

The City of Des Moines cannot guarantee that the applicant or any attendees will not become infected with COVID-19. Applicant and attendees use the City’s facility at their own risk.

The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to change the Facility Use requirements at any time and will contact applicant immediately with such changes.

PREVENT

SCREEN

- Please take your temperature prior to coming to the aquatic facility and stay home if you have a fever of 100.4 or higher.
- Any person who is experiencing [symptoms of coronavirus](#), who has been in contact with anyone with a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 14 days, who is awaiting COVID-19 test results or has been asked to quarantine is prohibited from entering the facility.
 - Per CDC guidance, If you have been exposed, even if you test negative for COVID-19 or feel healthy, you should stay home ([quarantine](#)) since symptoms may appear up to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

AVOID CROWDS

- The virus that causes COVID-19 most commonly spreads from person to person respiratory droplets during close physical contact (within 6 feet).
 - According to the CDC, facility users should consider if they or their children can stay at least 6 feet apart from people they don't live with before visiting the aquatic facility.



MASKS

Following the CDC, Polk County Public Health recommendations, and the most recent [Mayor's Mask Mandate](#) in an effort to prevent the spread of the virus, **masks are required** inside our facilities at all times and when out of the water. Masks are also required outdoors when social distancing of six (6) feet or more cannot be maintained or in the presence of members outside of your household. This includes in our restrooms and to/from the splash pad, sprayground, or wading pool.

- **Masks do not substitute for social distancing.**
- Masks should NOT be worn if they become wet.
 - Please bring an extra mask in case your mask becomes wet.
- Masks should NOT be worn by children under the age of two or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Masks may be temporarily removed to eat/drink (if you are safely distanced six feet or more away from others).
- Even if you are fully vaccinated, masks are required.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

- **Stay at least 6 feet away, both in and out of the water**, from people you don't live with.
- Any gathering in groups with others is discouraged.
- Facility users must obey all facility signage, follow the CDC's social distancing guidelines (of six feet or more) between different household units at all times, and accept personal responsibility for following all public health guidelines.

PLAN AND PREPARE

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Splash Pool: A splash pool is a splash pad with standing water and spray features.
- Sprayground: A splash pad with spray features *without standing water*. Spraygrounds offer unsupervised water play.
- Wading Pools: A wading pool has standing water and offers a great opportunity to build water confidence.

EQUIPMENT

- Swimmers should use their own personal equipment (goggles, nose clips, etc.) as much as possible. Sharing personal equipment items is discouraged.

SEATING

- Users are encouraged to bring their own chairs.
- Users must ensure at least six feet of physical distance between each group or individual attending alone when seated.

TABLES

- A limited number of permanent tables may be available at a facility.
- Users are encouraged to wipe down the tables before/after each use.

DRINK

- Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle or water containers clearly labeled with their name. **No glass containers allowed.**
- Drinking fountains are shared use items and if available are use at your own risk.
- Distance yourself at least 6 feet or more away from people you do not live with before removing your mask to eat or drink.

RESTROOMS

- Please follow healthy swim practices and **arrive “swim” ready** (ex. shower and dress before coming to the facility).
- Please allow for social distancing of six feet or more at all times.
- Restrooms lines are discouraged. If there must be a line, six-foot spacing requirement shall always be in effect.
- Public restrooms are cleaned daily.
- The facility will have individuals outside of your household, both staff and members of the public. To protect our community, masks are required to/from the facility, when you are not actively playing in the water, and indoors in our restroom facilities. Please refer to [MASKS](#) above for more details.

HYGEINE

- The water at splash pools and wading pools is treated like pool water.
- Spraygrounds are not disinfected and the water is not treated like pool water.
 - Please wash hands often and before and after play.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom and before eating.
 - You are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) to use if soap and water are not readily available.

PARKING

- Safety regulations apply to all areas, including the parking area(s).
- Facility users are asked to maintain social distancing in the parking area(s).
- Facility users must exit the facility and parking area(s) immediately.

RENTALS

- Private wading pool rentals may be available at a reduced capacity.
- Renter is responsible for enforcing facility size limitations.

PROTECT

If you are participating in one of our programs or utilizing our facility and test positive for COVID-19, you must immediately contact Austin Tasler at (515) 554-6628 or abtasler@dmgov.org. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, we must be able to post notice of dates of public exposure for contact tracing purposes. No personal information will be shared.

RESOURCES/LINKS

American Red Cross Considerations for Aquatic Facilities and Lifeguarding

<https://www.redcross.org/take-a-class/coronavirus-information/aquatic-facilities-operations-and-lifeguarding-during-covid-19>

CDC Aquatic Venues Safety Steps

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/community/Aquatic-Venues-COVID19-Safety-Steps-Poster.pdf>

CDC Considerations for Wearing Face Coverings

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>

CDC Coronavirus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

CDC Guidance for Public Pools

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/aquatic-venues.html>

City of Des Moines COVID Response Site

<https://www.dsm.city/covid19>

Polk County Public Health Department

<https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/health-department/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>